

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY STEERING COMMITTEE
NPDES Phase II SWQMP**

SUMMARY OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: September 23, 2002
TO: Project File
COPY: Steering Committee Members/ CBBEL
FROM: Siavash E. Beik, P.E., CBBEL
SUBJECT: Summary of Steering Committee Meeting
Tippecanoe County Building
September 19, 2002 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

ATTENDEES

Steering Committee

Dana Smith -	Chamber of Commerce
Dave Ayala-	Lafayette Citizens Representative
Jim Knapp-	Purdue University
Brian Keene -	Homebuilders Association
Linda Eastman -	Tippecanoe County SWCD
Ken Larson -	Ivy Tech State College
Opal Kuhl -	City of Lafayette
Roger McClellan -	Pheasants Forever
Gina Weilbaker -	CBBEL
Siavash Beik-	CBBEL

Additional Attendees

Rachele Baker -	CBBEL
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MEETING AGENDA

- I. Review of Agenda and Time Allocation for Each Agenda Item
- II. Summary of July 18, 2002 Meeting
- III. Presentation of Policy Statement #1 (latest revision)
- IV. Presentation of Policy Statement #2
- V. Logo Subcommittee Update
- VI. Presentation of Stormwater Funding Issues
- VII. Discussion of Preliminary Website Developed by CBBEL
- VIII. Next Meeting Date
- IX. Preparation for Next Meeting



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MEETING MINUTES

1. Siavash Beik reviewed the meeting agenda and asked the group for consensus on time allocation for each proposed item.
2. Gina Weilbaker presented the July 18, 2002 Summary of Steering Committee Meeting.

Comment: Dave Ayala stated he was mistakenly left off of the list of attendees.
3. Gina Weilbaker presented Policy Statement #1, Goals and Objectives of Current Countywide Stormwater Management Efforts, introduction and statement.

Comment: Gina Weilbaker stated the revision to the Objective Statement and asked for approval of Policy Statement #1. Consensus was given for the approval of Policy Statement #1.
4. Gina Weilbaker presented Policy Statement #2, Create a Standard Logo that will be utilized to Identify the Program, introduction, and statement.

Comment: There were no comments on the paper and consensus was given for the approval of Policy Statement #2.
5. Siavash asked if the Steering Committee felt the meeting set-up was acceptable.

Comment: Opal Kuhl and Roger McClellan stated that they liked the format of the meetings and Issue Papers and Policy Statements.

Comment: Jim Knapp asked for clarification on the difference between Issue Papers and Policy Statements.
6. Linda Eastman presented an update on the Logo Subcommittee. Dave Ayala will compose a letter in the next four (4) weeks stating parameters for developing a logo and distribute to local schools and youth events. Dave Ayala stated that he plans to use CBBEL's Policy Statements to frame the letter. Linda stated that a collection of drawings could be gathered by May, 2003. The drawings can be taken to a professional graphics firm or Purdue University Graphics Department in order to develop a standardized logo.

Comment: Linda stated that the SWCD Watershed Educator gave a brief presentation of the education tool, EnviroScape, to the



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subcommittee. Linda Eastman suggested SWCD take EnviroScape to teachers and encourage students to develop drawings.

Comment: Linda suggested doing an EnviroScape presentation and distribute information regarding drawings during 4th Grade Ag Day. Linda also suggested advertising a call for drawings in the local newspaper.

Comment: Roger McClellan suggested posting drawing information on a webpage.

Comment: Opal Kuhl described 4th Grade Ag Day and stated volunteers are needed.

Comment: Dave Ayala stated that education, along with requests for drawings, will result in a better product.

7. Dr. Greg Lindsey, Director, Center for Urban Policy and the Environment, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, gave a presentation titled 'Financial and Political Issues in Stormwater Management'. The topics included context and perspective, key questions in financing, and discussion.

Q. Roger McClellan asked if there were successful examples of adding fees and programs to existing utilities.

A. Dr. Lindsey stated that there were examples such as level of service of traffic flow being applied to stormwater facility. National consensus is that stormwater charges are the preferred way to finance a stormwater program. A one rate factor example is to assume every home contains ~2,000 sq. feet of imperviousness and this estimate is equal to 1 unit.

Q. Dave Ayala asked if the impervious determination can be appealed.

A. Dr. Lindsey stated that an appeal process is built in to this method.

Q. Linda Eastman asked if zoning policies/processes are being changed.

A. Dr. Lindsey said changes are occurring such as narrower streets in subdivisions and cluster developments.

Q. Opal Kuhl asked about the stance of Utility Regulatory Commissions.

A. Dr. Greg Lindsey said that he does not know the answer.

Comment: Opal Kuhl stated that there have been increased phone calls regarding West Nile virus and drainage-related concerns.



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- Q. Linda Eastman asked how will water be treated and how do you determine what is needed and associated costs.
- A. Siavash Beik stated that deciding how and what to charge is very complex. He also stated the Project Team should hire an advisor specializing in financing stormwater programs.
- Q. Opal Kuhl asked if there were examples of county-wide utilities rather than municipal-based utilities.
- A. Dr. Lindsey stated the Louisville, KY is an example. He also stated that it is important to have a 'champion' to lead the program.
- Q. Linda Eastman asked if industry will be scared off once a funding mechanism is established.
- A. Siavash Beik stated that transportation and manpower are main drivers for binging in businesses. Dana Smith, Opal Kuhl, and others felt a stormwater fee would not be a deterrent for new business. Dr. Lindsey stated that Indianapolis experienced problems with the utility fees because it miscalculated revenues due to credits.
8. Rachele Baker presented highlights of the preliminary website developed by CBBEL for the Tippecanoe County Stormwater Program and Steering Committee.
- Comment: Linda Eastman suggested listing the Solid Waste District as a link for hazardous material information.
- Comment: Opal Kuhl feels the 'free utilities' link on the home page should be removed immediately.
- Comment: Siavash Beik asked the Steering Committee to think about if the webpage is useful and develop comments.
- Comment: Linda Eastman stated she likes the webpage, but suggests adding agricultural information such as a link to the U.S. Farm Bill.
- Comment: Rachele Baker stated that the website will serve to meet measurable goals of several of the Phase II Minimum Control Measure.
9. Siavash Beik closed the meeting and approval was given for the next meeting date.
- Comment: Siavash Beik stated that the NPDES Phase II SWQMP Part A deadline has been pushed back approximately three months due to a delay in preliminary approval of Rule 13.

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Comment: Siavash Beik stated that CBBEL will provide Steering Committee members the next meeting's agenda at a later date.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, November 21, 2002
County Building
10:00 am – 11:30 am

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